

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 33, 34, 36 – 44, and 46 - 63 are in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The enclosed drawing replacement sheets address the objections made in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Detailed Action. One replacement sheet adds a “PRIOR ART” label to Fig. 1, and the other replacement sheet corrects a reference numeral from “27” to “22.” No new matter has been added, and the Examiner’s approval of these drawing amendments is respectfully requested.

Specification

Section headings have been added by this amendment as requested in paragraph 3 of the Detailed Action.

Also, the specification has been amended to remove the “plastics frame” term that was objected to in paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action. Applicant notes that, for consistency, the preamble of the independent claims have been revised to change “plastics material” to “plastic material.”

Also, applicant takes this opportunity to provide on a separate sheet an abstract for this application. The abstract is only slightly revised as compared to the abstract provided on the cover sheet of the published application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 33 has been revised essentially to incorporate the subject matter of claims 35 and 45. Accordingly, applicant believes that, in accord with paragraph 7 of the Detailed Action, claim 33 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Similarly, claim 46 has been revised essentially to incorporate the subject matter of its base claim 33 and intervening claim 45. Accordingly, applicant believes that, in accord with paragraph 7 of the Detailed Action, claim 46 and the claims depending therefrom are also in condition for allowance.

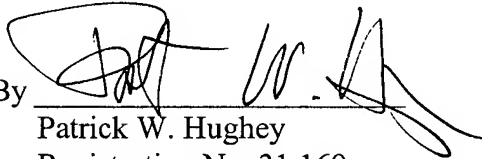
Claim 50 has been amended as indicated in the final, added clause of the claim, in a manner that is consistent with the Examiner’s indication of allowable subject matter identified in paragraph 7 of the Detailed Action and, as such, is also believed to be allowable.

For the Examiner's reference, the thirteen new claims 51 – 63 are added here to depend from independent claim 46 and respectively correspond to dependent claims 34, 36 – 44, and 47 – 49.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

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